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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 RONALD RICHARD BROWN,

10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 DONALD HOLBROOK,

13 Respondent.

NO. 2:20-cv-01753-RSM

ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S
MOTION TO PROCEED PRO SE

14 This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner Brown's Motion to proceed pro se.
15 Dkt. #17. Mr. Brown's Motion indicates that attorney Desmond Kolke "has been relieved of
16 his duty as the advocate for the Petitioner due to attorney negligence, malpractice, and
17 ineffective assistance." Dkt. #17 at 1. Although this case is closed, Mr. Brown states he "will
18 proceed pro se until further notice." *Id.* at 1-2. There has been no opposition.
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20 This motion is authorized by Local Civil Rule 83.2(b)(4): "[w]hen a party is represented
21 by an attorney of record in a case, the party cannot appear or act on his or her own behalf in
22 that case, or take any step therein, until after the party requests by motion to proceed on his or
23 her own behalf..." The Court finds that Mr. Brown has met the notice requirements of the
24 Local Rule through the Court's CM/ECF system. *See id.* The Court is further satisfied that Mr.
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1 Brown's requested relief is warranted at this time and, seeing no opposition, will terminate his
2 attorney as counsel of record and substitute Petitioner in to proceed *pro se*.

3 Having reviewed the relevant briefing and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby
4 finds and ORDERS that Petitioner Brown's Motion to proceed Pro Se, Dkt. #17, is
5 GRANTED. Petitioner's attorney Desmond Daniel Kolke is terminated as counsel of
6 record and Mr. Brown is substituted in *pro se*. All future filings in this matter must be sent
7 to Mr. Brown's service address:
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9 Ronald Richard Brown
10 Washington State Penitentiary
11 1313 North 13th Ave
12 Walla Walla, WA 99362

13 DATED this 7th day of May, 2021.

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16 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
17 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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